

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/681,088

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 03/07/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 6, line 1, "(New) The disc drive suspension according to claim 1" has been changed to -- The disc drive suspension according to claim 5 [1]--.

In claim 8, line 1, "(New) The disc drive suspension according to claim 1" has been changed to -- The disc drive suspension according to claim 7 [1] --.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 5: The prior art of record neither shows nor suggests an insulating layer electrically insulating first and second write conductors from first and second read conductors; least some of the conductors are arranged at different height level a thickness direction of the insulating layer with respect to at least one other of the conductors such that, cross section taken along a width direction of the wiring portion, first read conductor corresponds to distance from the first write conductor to the second read conductor and such that a distance from the first write conductor to distance from the second write conductor to the first read wherein conductor corresponds to a distance from the second write conductor to the second read conductor; wherein the first and second write conductors face each other along thickness direction the insulating layer across the insulating layer, and the first and second read conductors are arranged along a

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width direction of the insulating layer so as be symmetrical with respect a line segment connecting the first and second write conductors.

Regarding claim 7: The prior art of record neither shows nor suggests an insulating layer for electrically insulating first and second write conductors from first and second read conductors; wherein at least some the conductors are arranged at different height level a thickness direction the insulating layer with respect to at least one other of the conductors such that, a cross section taken along a width direction of wiring portion, distance from the first write conductor to the first read conductor corresponds distance from the first write conductor the second read conductor and such that a distance from the second write conductor to the first read conductor corresponds to a distance from the second write conductor the second read conductor; and wherein the first write conductor and the first read conductor are arranged on a first surface extending in a width direction the insulating layer, the second write conductor and the second read conductor are arranged on a second surface extending in the width direction of the insulating layer, the first write conductor and the second read conductor face each other along a thickness direction of the insulating layer, and the second write conductor and first read conductor face each other along the thickness direction of the insulating layer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (571) 272-7597. The examiner can normally be reached on T11A-5P W3P-9P Th11:30A-10P F10A-8:30P SatNoon-8:30P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne D. Bost can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Julie Anne Watko
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAW', is written over the printed name and title of the examiner.